

Hong Kong Thrives as Center of Far East Trade, Finance

By KING WILLIAMS
Old China is packaged conveniently for the tourist who visits Hong Kong, last outpost on the Red mainland for the western world and mecca for shoppers in its free port.
So anxious are many of the visitors to get at the bargains in cameras, jewelry, fine arts and clothing that they don't take time to find out that Hong Kong itself is an island and that Kowloon, where the famed Peninsula hotel is located, is a peninsula extending from Red China. Hong Kong and Kowloon and the so-called New Territories, leased from Red China, are all part of a British crown colony where free trade is practiced unlike any other place in the world.
Favored with one of the world's most beautiful natural harbors, Hong Kong has been a factor in international trade since 1700 and today is a port of call for almost every ship plying the Far East. Jet planes bring it within 24 hours of Los Angeles.

IT IS A thriving business and financial center and a beehive of manufacturing activity in thousands of small factories where refugees from communism slave for existence and live 10 in one room, sans plumbing. Magnificent new steel skyscrapers form a metropolitan skyline, ricksha boys still do a thriving business, and the beggars and pickpockets are professionals.
There are junks and sampans where thousands make their homes, some rarely setting foot on land during an entire lifetime. Most of the population of Aberdeen, capital of Hong Kong, live on these boats and Aberdeen is more often identified as "the floating city." Babies come into the world in these ancient cradles of the sea and on them old

men and women end their days finally to be taken ashore to be buried on the mountain side.
IN THE ORIENT life is cheap and death is expensive, devoted survivors often spending their entire savings to provide what they believe to be fitting last rites for their deceased.
First question that pops into the minds of Americans is how this little citadel of democracy is permitted by the Reds to exist. Best answer is that the Reds want it as a front door to the Pacific and a handy market for the free movement of Chinese products.
It is estimated 500,000 refugees from communism have entered Hong Kong in the past 10 years apparently unrestrained by the Reds. Only recently has the British government put a stop to it. In the new land they live under conditions of deprivation but they seem to be happy in this small haven where they can at least live without fear of death or imprisonment. They furnish cheap labor and many have brought with them the skills of ancient China.

WE WERE IN Hong Kong on Oct. 1 for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Red government. The army and police forces were anticipating trouble, but the day passed quietly with Red sympathizers flying their banner and holding quiet cocktail parties and banquets. Ten days later Nationalist China sympathizers had their day and it too was pacific.
Hong Kong shops bulge with the most wanted goods from all over the world. Cameras, jewelry, rare gems, and clothing and silks and satins can be purchased tax-free at 30-60 per cent cheaper than in the country of origin. Women buy Thai and French silk dresses for \$50 that might cost \$150 in California. Men have suits of the finest silks and woolen made to order in two or three days for \$58 that would cost \$200-\$250 at good tailors in New York and Chicago.

BARGAIN HUNTERS have a field day dickering with Chinese, Pakistani, and Indian merchants some of whom never pass up a sale if there is a profit left in the deal.

If the unwary tourist has anything left in his pockets after a day's shopping he is liable to lose it to bands of thievingurchins on the crowded streets. The approach may come from a young girl with a baby in her arms. She'll try to pin a flower on you while the boys go to work. Two hands covering one's pocket treasures are no match for a dozen and you may walk off confidently believing you have successfully withstood the attack only to discover your watch or loose money gone when you get back to your hotel haven.
THIS TECHNIQUE was used on a doctor friend of ours from Redlands who lost \$285 sound American dollars. A woman from Pasadena had her purse with \$30 and all her identification cards lifted from her handbag in like manner.
Oh yes, we know it for a fact, we had \$50 H.K. (about \$8.50) and a prized silver money clip snared from a pants pocket while assiduously covering a passport with one hand and pocketbook with the other. All done, mind you, with the miscreants looking no more mischievous than a bunch of American kids on Halloween.

Rummage Sale Set
A rummage sale will be held Friday and Saturday by the Harbor City Foursquare Church from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 253rd St. and Belle Porte Ave. in Harbor City.

City, School Officials To Appear on TV Panel

How Torrance is meeting the problems which accompany tremendous city growth will be explained to a Southland television audience next Wednesday on Channel 13's "Guidedposts to Government."
Splitting the half-hour program with Garden Grove of Orange County, Torrance's delegation will explain the problems facing the city's elected officials, city administration, school administration, and the activities of the Chamber of Commerce.
Mayor Albert Isen will be joined on the panel by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools; George Stevens, city manager; and Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.
The program, to be telecast from KCOP at 1:30 p.m. next

Wednesday, is sponsored by the Los Angeles and Orange Counties boards of education.

On Senate Committee

Leo M. Harvey, president of Harvey Aluminum, Inc., has agreed to serve on an advisory committee to the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, it was announced this week by Senator Clair Engle, (D-Calif.)
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